

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE

## Governor of the State of Texas

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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

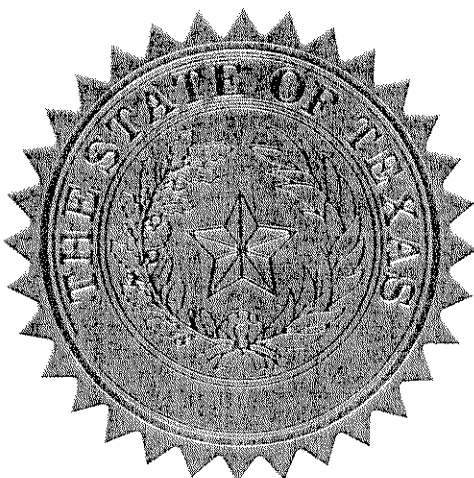
Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto Senate Bill No. 757 as passed by the Seventy-Ninth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

Senate Bill No. 757 is fundamentally the same as House Bill No. 1839 from the Seventy-Eighth Legislative Session which I vetoed. The bill would reduce local control by mandating the use of private third-party providers in gathering information about pawnbroker transactions. The bill also would limit the type and extent of pawn transaction information available to local law enforcement.

For example, the bill would require pawn transaction information to be submitted electronically if the pawnbroker generates computerized tickets. According to information collected by the Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner, approximately 90 percent of the pawn shops in Texas produce computerized tickets; therefore all of the pawn transaction information would be submitted electronically. Under the bill, local law enforcement would receive restricted transaction information, while a third-party provider would receive all transaction information. In order to continue receiving all transaction data, as they now do, law enforcement would have to purchase the information from a third-party provider.

With this veto message, I hope to discourage legislators from further attempts to reduce law enforcement's access to pawn transaction information.

Since the Legislature by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 17th day of June, 2005.

*Rick Perry*

RICK PERRY  
Governor of Texas

ATTESTED BY:

*Roger Williams*  
ROGER WILLIAMS  
Secretary of State

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
2:30pm O'CLOCK

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